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ABSTRACT

The papers in this collection explore a variety of economic and social issues facing Latino adolescents, including those of Latino diversity or unity, sexuality, and family values. The authors discuss ways to respond to these issues, suggesting approaches that can contribute to the healthy development of Latino adolescents. The chapters are: (1) "Latino Youth: Converting Challenges to Opportunities" (Rudy Hernandez, Marcelo Siles, and Refugio I. Rochin); (2) "The Impact of Growing Up Poor or Welfare Dependent on the Economic Status of Young Adults" (Anna M. Santiago); (3) "Sexual Behaviors of Latina Adolescents" (Antonia M. Villarruel); (4) "An Ecological, Risk-Factor Examination of Latino Adolescents' Engagement in Sexual Activity" (Daniel F. Perkins and Francisco A. Villarruel); (5) "The Contrast between the Pathological Attributes and the Status/Aspirations of Mexican American Youth" (Jaime Chahin); (6) "The Multicultural Literacies of Precollege Latino Students" (Raimundo Mora); (7) "Demystifying the Images of Latinos: Boston-Based Case Studies" (Martha Montero-Sieburth); (8) "The Development of Coping Strategies among Urban Latino Youth: A Focus on Help-Seeking Orientation and Network-Related Behavior" (Ricardo D. Stanton-Salazar); (9) "Family Values of Latino Adolescents" (Heidie A. Vazquez Garcia, Cynthia Garcia Coll, Sumru Erkut, Odette Alarcon, and Linda R. Tropp); (10) "Authority Plus Affection: Latino Parenting during Adolescence" (Maribel Vargas and Nancy A. Busch-Rossnagel); (11) "Migrant Adolescents: Barriers and Opportunities for Creating a Promising Future" (Bertha Lopez, Lucila Nerenberg, and Marina Valdez); and (12) "Child Welfare and Latino Adolescents" (Robert M. Ortega). An afterword, "Pensamientos" by Martha Montero-Sieburth and Francisco A. Villarruel, summarizes important thoughts about Latino youth. Each chapter contains references. (Contains 13 tables and 7 figures.) (SLD)

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